

I oppose loosening the rules designed to promote and protect diversity of media ownership. These rules were adopted to ensure that the public would receive a diverse range of viewpoints from the media, and not simply the opinions of a handful of media conglomerates. The newspaper/broadcast

cross-ownership cap is a crucial element of our democratic media, and it should not be weakened.

I am extremely concerned that consolidation of broadcast ownership will negatively impact the diversity of information, whether news or entertainment, to the American viewing public. Using the example of the dereg. in the radio field, all radio in my market (Orlando) is owned by three companies. The choice and variety is cookie cutter and identical to other markets I've visited, variety and risk taking is stifled in pursuit of rating!